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SUBJECT:PRESS GUIDANCE ON JCRR WITHDRAWAL

REFERENCE: UNGER-FELDMAN TELCON OF AUGUST 21

FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR CONTINGENCY
USE IN DEPT. EMBASSY MAY DRAW UPON GUIDANCE AS APPRO-
PRIATE:

Q: WHY IS THE UNITED STATES TERMINATING ITS ECONOMIC
COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH CHINA?

A: THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1948 AT
THE CONCLUSION OF WORLD WAR II WAS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RE-
CONSTRUCTION OF WAR-TORN CHINA. OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDING
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AFTER THE ROC MOVED TO TAIWAN, WE HAVE PROVIDED MORE THAN
1.5 BILLION IN GRANT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS MANY
OTHER FORMS OF AID TO RECONSTRUCT AND DEVELOP THE ECONOMY.
GRANT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CEASED IN 1965 AND OTHER ECONOMIC
AID PROGRAMS PHASED OUT IN THE YEARS THEREAFTER AS TAIWAN'S
ECONOMY IMPROVED. THE LAST REMAINING ACTIVITY WAS SOME-

THING CALLED THE JOINT COMMISSION ON RURAL RECONSTRUCTION.
IN VIEW OF TAIWAN'S PRESENT ECONOMIC STRENGTH AND PROSPER-
ITY, AS EVIDENCED BY ITS VERY STRONG BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

AND TRADE POSITIONS, WE ARE NOW PHASING OUT OF THIS JOINT
COMMISSION. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS OUR PARTICIPATION IN
JCRR HAS BEEN ONLY THE LIAISON SERVICES OF ONE MEMBER OF
OUR EMBASSY IN TAIPEI AND WITHDRAWAL WILL HAVE NO PRACTICAL
EFFECT ON THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY OF TAIWAN. WE CONSIDER
THAT OUR AID PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL IN
ACCOMPLISHING THEIR PURPOSES AND THAT TAIWAN CAN NOW PAY
ITS OWN WAY. CHRISTOPHER

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